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REMARKS

The objections to the drawing and the claims are deemed moot in light of the foregoing.

The rejection of Claims 1-4 as being anticipated by FR '152 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant has now submitted new claims similar in scope to those held allowable in the parallel European procedure. The FR '152 document neither teaches nor suggests the concept of the profiles in the second axial region of the hinge pin and in the second hinge plate as being formed of conical surfaces that extend over substantially the entire length of the profile region. Nor does it teach or suggest those profiles as having axially parallel toothings.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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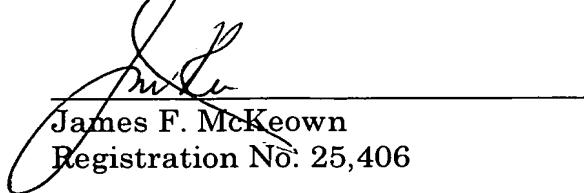
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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038738.44905).

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